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"THE STORY OF CAPTAIN AMERICA IS FILLED AS MUCH WITH MYTHS AND LIES AS IT IS WITH TRUTH...
...JUST KEEP IT TOGETHER, BOYS...JUST KEEP IT TOGETHER...
"...BUT THAT, AFTER ALL, IS HOW YOU BUILD A LEGEND.

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"YOU LEAVE OUT THE UGLY BITS. THE DEATH AND HARDSHIP...
"...AND YOU FOCUS ON THE PARTS EVERYONE CAN DIGEST EASILY.
OKAY, MEN...BE READY...
"THE NATURAL BORN HERO...
...THIS IS GOING TO BE THE HARDEST DAY OF YOUR LIVES.
"THE SUPER-SOLDIER BUILT IN A U.S. LABORATORY...
I WISH I COULD TELL YOU OTHERWISE, BUT IT'D BE A LIE...AND I WON'T LIE TO YOU.
"THE FINEST OF HIS GENERATION...
SO KEEP YOUR HEADS LOW...FOLLOW MY LEAD...

AND LET'S GO KICK THESE NAZIS ALL THE WAY BACK TO GERMANY!
"ALWAYS THE FIRST INTO BATTLE...ALWAYS LEADING THE WAY... ALWAYS THE VICTOR...
"THAT IS THE STORY EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN AMERICA.

"THERE IS ALSO A STORY EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN AMERICA...
"AND THAT STORY IS FULL OF LIES AS WELL.
"HOW STEVE ROGERS WAS ON THE LOSING SIDE OF THE SUPER HERO CIVIL WAR...ABOUT TO FACE A PUBLIC TRIAL...

"...BUT INSTEAD WAS STRUCK DOWN ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS.
POLICE
MARSHAL

"THAT FIRST BULLET WAS MERELY INTENDED TO CAUSE CHAOS.
1900 Hours: Infiltration of H.A.M.M.E.R. Helicarrier Begins

"BUT, EVER THE HERO, ROGERS STEPPED IN FRONT OF IT, SAVING THE U.S. MARSHALL WHO WAS LEADING HIM.
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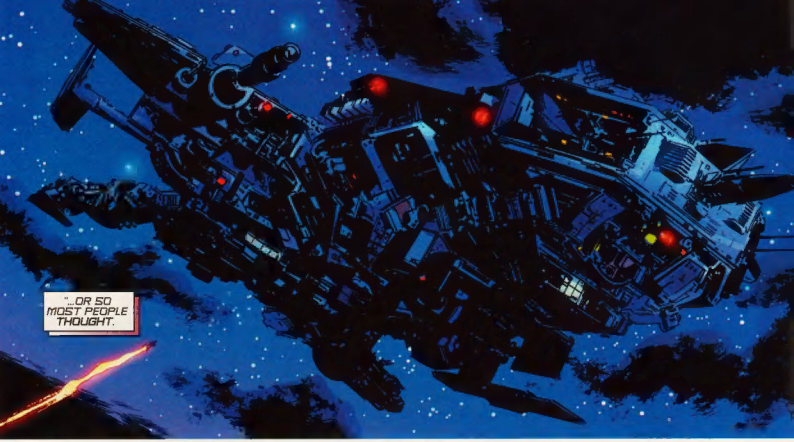
"THE CHAOS STILL ENSUED, OF COURSE...
"...ALLOWING ONE OF THE RED SKULL'S AGENTS TO FIRE THE FATAL BULLETS AT CLOSE RANGE.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
New Captain America
JAMES "BUCKY" BARNES--EX-INVADER, CURRENT AVENGER
OKAY, JAMES...WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT AT THIS...
Black Widow
NATASHA ROMANOFF--EX-AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D., SUPER-SPY
"THIS SECOND SHOOTER HAS NEVER BEEN PUBLICLY REVEALED.

"BUT THAT IS HOW CAPTAIN AMERICA DIED...
POLICE
POLICE
"...AND AMERICA LOST ITS SYMBOL OF HOPE..."


"...OR SO MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT.

"IN TRUTH, HIS OLD COHORT BUCKY BARNES TOOK ON THAT MANTLE ANEW..."

"WAIT. YOU'RE TELLING ME BUCKY BARNES IS STILL ALIVE?"
"OH YES... BUT THAT IS MERELY AN ASIDE...
THEY JAMMED THE PERIMETER DEFENSES!
YET ANOTHER MASTER OF THE OBVIOUS...
AAHH!
CAP, THE ALARM--STOP HIM!
NOT A PROBLEM...
GAAAH!
"AS I SAID, THERE IS MUCH MORE TO THIS STORY THAN PEOPLE KNOW...

Hank Pym's Private Lab
AND I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE THE INTERRUPTION. BUT IT WAS URGENT THAT WE SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY, PROFESSOR PYM...
URGENT AVENGERS BUSINESS IS ▮ PRIORITY, AS I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.
Vision
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AVENGER.
Falcon
EX-PARTNER OF CAPTAIN AMERICA, EX-AVENGER.
OF COURSE I DO, VISION, BUT...
LOOK, CAN YOU GUYS PLEASE GET TO THE POINT?
I'M TRYING TO FINISH THIS PROTOTYPE AND --
I SHOT STEVE.
Hank Pym
THE NEW WASP-- SCIENTIST, GENIUS, AVENGER.
Sharon Carter
EX-S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT 13, EX-LOVER OF CAPTAIN AMERICA.

WAIT-- ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT STEVE ROGERS IS STILL ALIVE?
IT IS POSSIBLE, IF WHAT SHARON IS SAYING IS CORRECT.
AND THEY WERE USING THIS PLATFORM TO SOMEHOW REVIVE OR...BRING HIM BACK?
I DON'T KNOW...I JUST SUDDENLY REMEMBERED SEEING HIS BODY IN THE LIGHT...AND THEN I REMEMBERED EVERYTHING.
EVEN THE GUN I SHOT HIM WITH THAT DAY.
LOOK AT THIS, HANK...THIS AIN'T A NORMAL GUN.
ZOLA KEPT REFERRING TO ME AS THE CONSTANT... AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT...
BUT...NOW I'M THINKING THEY NEEDED ME TO MAKE THE WHOLE THING WORK...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS DOOM MACHINE, WHAT WAS LEFT OF IT, I MEAN?
YEAH, WE DO NOW...

Saturday, 1300 Hours--Captain America and Black Widow Pre-Infiltration of H.A.M.M.E.R.
Nick Fury
FORMER HEAD OF S.H.I.E.L.D., SECRET AGENT SUPREME
NICK... THANKS FOR MEETING.
DID YOU FIND WHAT WE NEED?
I'M HERE, AIN'T I?

ALL THE STUFF SEIZED FROM THE SKULL'S BASE IS BEING HELD IN TECH STORAGE ON THEIR BASE-SHIP FOR NOW.
NO RECORD IT'S EVEN BEEN EXAMINED...LOST IN THE SHUFFLE BETWEEN S.H.I.E.L.D. AND H.A.M.M.E.R., LOOKS LIKE.

AN' I GOT YOU A WAY IN, IF YOU'RE REALLY GOIN'...
OH, I'M GOING, FURY.
TRY AND STOP ME.

RIGHT, THEN YOUR BREACH-POINT IS MARKED ON THE SCHEMATICS IN HERE...

I CAN MAKE SURE THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ARE LOOPED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.

AVOID GAS HOGS!

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"AFTER THAT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN."
YEAH, THIS IS DEFINITELY DOOM-TECH.
IT'S GOT HIS SIGNATURE ALL OVER THIS DESIGN..

I NEED TO GET REED RICHARDS IN HERE... HAVE HIM EXAMINE THIS AMMO.
THERE'S SOMETHING ODD THAT'S NOT MAKING A LOT OF SENSE...
SOME KIND OF TACHYON FIELD OR...SOMETHING UNSTABLE...
WELL, BUCK AND THE BLACK WIDOW SHOULD BE REPORTING BACK SOON...

"...WITH ANY LUCK, WE'LL HAVE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE DEVICE ZOLA WAS BUILDING ANY TIME NOW."

THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH THAT PLAN.
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S ODDS ARE RESTING ON NORMAN OSBORN NOT KNOWING WHAT HE'S GOT SITTING IN THE BELLY OF HIS OWN HELICARRIER.

AND IT'S GENERALLY A BAD IDEA TO UNDER-ESTIMATE NORMAN OSBORN.

NATASHA, I THINK WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM...
YES, I'M NOT SEEING IT EITHER...SHOULD WE CHECK ANOTHER LEVEL, OR...?
NO...IT'S WORSE THAN THAT. ZOLA GOT BLOWN UP WHEN S.H.I.E.L.D. TOOK DOWN THE SKULL'S BASE...
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY PIECES OF THAT NAZI ROBOT HERE EITHER...
WE GOTTA GO. THIS ISN'T--
--RIGHT...
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National HQ
SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, ZOLA...
...YOU'RE SAYING DOOM'S DEVICE FROZE CAPTAIN AMERICA IN TIME?
NO. IT LOCKED HIS BODY IN TIME AND SPACE...
AND WITH BOTH THE PLATFORM AND THE CONSTANT, WE WERE ABLE TO PLUCK HIM RIGHT OUT OF THE TIMESTREAM... WHERE HE LAY DORMANT.
BUT THE WOMAN DAMAGED THE MACHINE DURING THE PROCESS.

SO... CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE REAL CAPTAIN AMERICA, ISN'T DEAD?

HE WAS AND HE [redacted]T. HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT, OSBORN?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SCIENTIST.

I AM, ZOLA...AND NOW I'M A SCIENTIST WHO'S WONDERING...
IF ROGERS' BODY DISAPPEARED DURING THE TRANSFER...

WHERE, EXACTLY, DID HE GO?
ISN'T IT [redacted] LISTEN...

"...STEVE ROGERS HAS COME UNSTUCK IN TIME."
D-DAY...THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY...

SO MANY DEAD.
THIS ISN'T RIGHT... I CAN'T BE HERE.
WHY AM I--
CAP!
TORCH AND TORO SAY THERE'S MORE KRAUTS RUNNING ON THE CLIFFS...
WE GOTTA AM-SCRAY
...BUCKY...?
C'MON, STEVE...THERE'S NO TIME TO CRY OVER THE DEAD RIGHT NOW...

I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO, YOUNG MAN...
...SHE'S PASSED ON.
...MOM...?
HAVE YOU GOT SOMEONE TO BE WITH YOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALONE RIGHT NOW...
OH GOD... MOM...
KID?
ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?

WAIT--I WAS JUST AT MOM'S BEDSIDE, BUT NOW I'M--
WHAT IS THIS...WHERE WAS THIS BATTLE?
I KNOW THIS PLACE...
STEVE--TWO O'CLOCK HIGH!
HEADS UP!
STEVE!
UHNN!
ALMOST GOT YOURSELF KILLED!
ARE YOU OKAY, MAN? LOOK KIND OF DAZED. YOU GET HIT?
NO... NO, I'M FINE...

To Be Continued...

BRUBAKER EPTING STEWART

THE MARVELS PROJECT

PREVIEW

PROLOGUE
NEW YORK--1938.

SEE, WHEN I GOT OLD...THEY SENT ME BACK...
BACK TO MY HOME...IN MY OWN TIME...

THOSE WERE THE FIRST WORDS I REMEMBER HEARING FROM THE OLD MAN...
BUT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEN WHAT HE MEANT.
...COURSE, I HAD NO FAMILY LEFT BACK HERE BY THEN...
NOT IN TEXAS OR BOSTON...

AND ANYWAY...NEW YORK...IT ALL BEGINS HERE ANYWAY...
...I HOPE TO BE AROUND... FOR THAT...

CA-HAAKK! HACCKK!
EASY, MISTER HAWK...IT'S OKAY.
I SHOULD HAVE, TOO. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IMMEDIATELY WHO MATT HAWK WAS.

BUT INSTEAD, HE WAS JUST ANOTHER OLD MAN I WAS HOPING TO LEARN FROM.
YOU DON'T KNOW...NONE OF YOU DO. WHAT'S COMING...
THE THINGS I'VE SEEN...OUT THERE...
HE'D TELL ME OF THE FUTURE ON THOSE LONG AFTERNOONS, OF LIFE BEYOND THE DEPRESSION...
BECAUSE HE'D BEEN THERE, HE WOULD INSIST.
HE'D TALK OF GODS AND MONSTERS AND HEROES WITH SHIELDS AND ARMOR.
I WOULD JOT IT ALL DOWN IN MY NOTEBOOK AND NOD, TAKING IT ALL IN...
THESE PULP-TINGED FANTASIES WERE UNLIKE ANY CASE OF SENILE DEMENTIA I'D EVER HEARD...

...AND I GENUINELY LOOKED FORWARD TO MY VISITS WITH HIM.
OH, DR. HALLOWAY, YOU'RE HERE... GOOD.
YOU CAN SIGN THE DEATH CERTIFICATE.
HE WENT IN HIS SLEEP... SWEET OLD GUY...
YES...IT'S A REAL SHAME.
HE WAS QUITE A CHARACTER.
OH, AND LAST NIGHT HE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS...
LAST NIGHT?
IT'S STRANGE... BUT...
...HE SEEMED TO KNOW HE WOULDN'T BE WAKING UP.

WHEN I OPENED THE BOX, I UNDERSTOOD IMMEDIATELY.
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO READ THE CARD HE'D LEFT.
NO, TOM...YOU FOOL.
for Dr. Thomas Holloway
MATTHEW HAWK. FROM BOSTON AND TEXAS. A LAWYER.
MATT HAWK WAS THE TWO-GUN KID.
I'D READ EVERYTHING ABOUT THE TWO-GUN KID GROWING UP.
TOMBSTONE'S MASKED GUN-FIGHTER. A TRUE WESTERN HERO.

BUT, OF COURSE, I'D READ EVERYTHING IN THE ENTIRE PRISON LIBRARY GROWING UP.
AND EVERY OTHER BOOK MY FATHER, THE WARDEN, BROUGHT TO MY CONCRETE ROOM IN THAT EMPTY CELL BLOCK.
STILL, I CURSED MYSELF AGAIN.
I COULD HAVE TOLD THIS DYING HERO WHAT HIS EXPLOITS, HOWEVER FICTIONAL, HAD MEANT TO ME...
BUT WHEN I LOOKED AT HIS GIFTS, I WONDERED... DID HE ALREADY KNOW?
From one Hero to Another -
AND SUDDENLY, THE FUTURE... THE WORLD THAT OLD MISTER HAWK HAD TOLD ME ABOUT...
IT DIDN'T SEEM SO FAR AWAY.
THE MARVELS PROJECT
ISSUE ONE
ON-SALE IN AUGUST

BEING MYSELF
GETTING MESSED UP
UP IS NOT MY THING
PASSING
SAYING STUPID STUFF, looking like a FOOL.
THAT'S NOT ME.
BOOZE, WEED
I WALK THROUGH THE HALLS FEELING GOOD KEEPING MY HEAD UP
HAPPY BEING myself
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE

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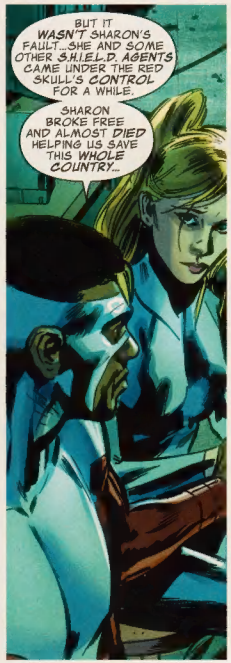
EXCUSE ME? WHAT?
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN...
...PLEASE...

SAM, WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT? I KNOW I WAS OFF-PLANET FOR MOST OF THE LAST FEW YEARS, BUT...
THIS ISN'T FUNNY.
IT AIN'T MEANT TO BE, HANK.


BUT IT WASN'T SHARON'S FAULT...SHE AND SOME OTHER S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS CAME UNDER THE RED SKULL'S CONTROL FOR A WHILE.
SHARON BROKE FREE AND ALMOST DIED HELPING US SAVE THIS WHOLE COUNTRY...

...SO HEAR HER OUT.
VISION BROUGHT US TO YOU FOR A REASON, BUT YOU GOTTA HEAR THE FULL STORY FIRST...

OKAY.
YOU'VE GOT MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

AFTER THAT DAY... AFTER STEVE DIED, OR... WELL...
I WAS GONE. I WASN'T ME...

BUT OVER TIME I STARTED TO TAKE HOLD OF MYSELF, ENOUGH TO SPY ON THE SKULL AND HIS PEOPLE...

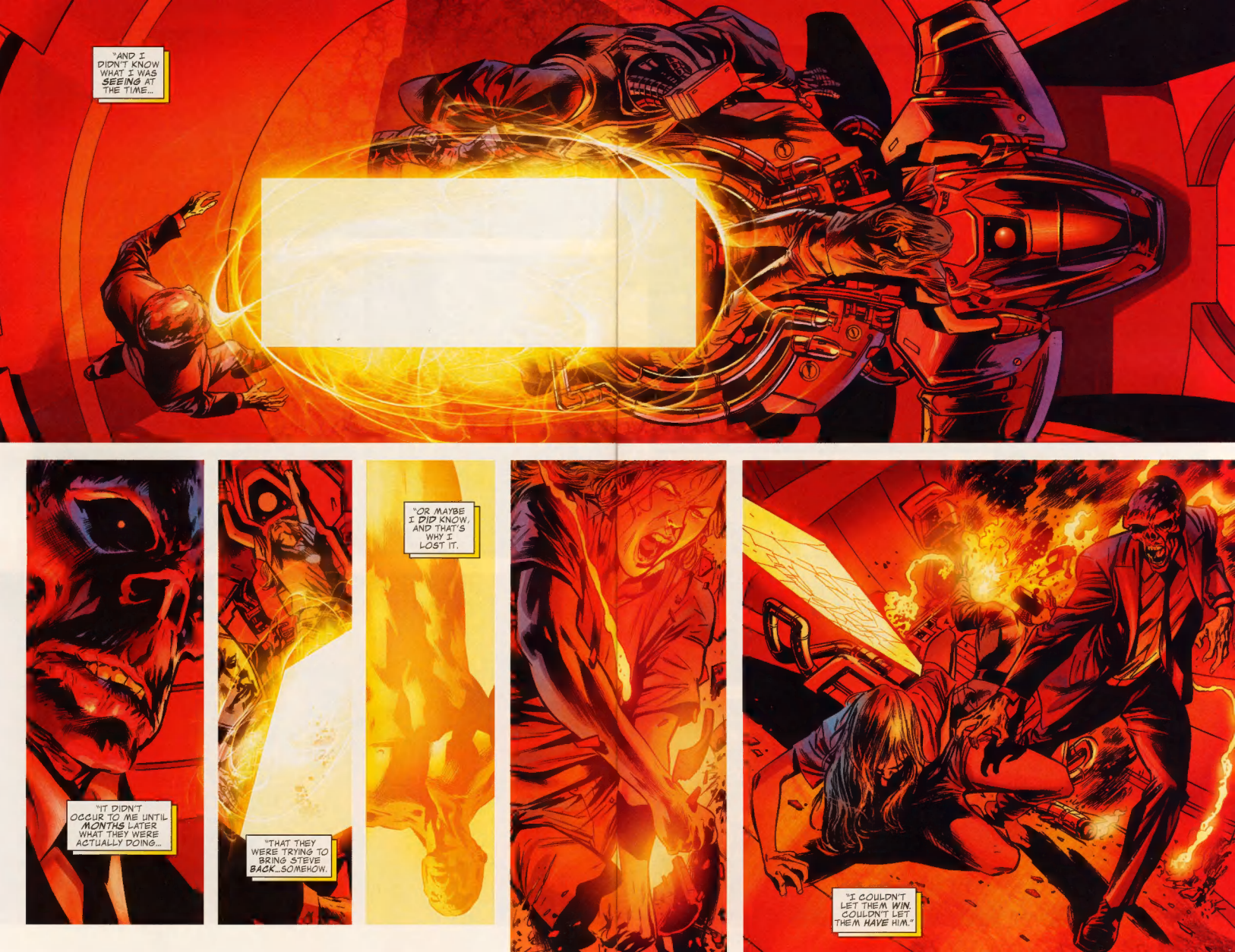
HE HAD HIS MAD SCIENTIST ARNIM ZOLA--
ZOLA? THE ROBOTIC-MAN?
YEAH, THAT'S THE ONE.
TECHNICALLY, THAT'S NOT COMPLETELY ACCURATE.

ARNIM ZOLA IS A HUMAN INTELLIGENCE IN A MECHANICAL BODY...
NOT A "ROBOT."

RIGHT, WELL... ANYWAY...THEY HAD MADE SOME KIND OF DEAL WITH DR. DOOM BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.
HAD SOME DEVICE OF HIS THAT ZOLA WAS WORKING ON.

WHAT KIND OF DEVICE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
ACCORDING TO SHARON'S DESCRIPTION, IT APPEARS THEY WERE CONSTRUCTING A VARIATION OF DOOM'S TIME PLATFORM.

"THE DAY IT ALL ENDED, OR THE DAY I THOUGHT IT DID, AT LEAST...
"THEY HAD ME STRAPPED INTO THIS CONTRAPTION, AS PART OF THEIR EXPERIMENT...


"AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS SEEING AT THE TIME...
"IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME UNTIL MONTHS LATER WHAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY DOING...
"THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO BRING STEVE BACK...SOMEHOW.
"OR MAYBE I DID KNOW, AND THAT'S WHY I LOST IT.
"I COULDN'T LET THEM WIN. COULDN'T LET THEM HAVE HIM."

YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES... SLINKING AROUND LIKE SPIES...
AND YOU CALL YOURSELVES WARRIORS...
Ares
GOD OF WAR, DARK AVENGER
Venom
PRETENDING TO BE SPIDER-MAN, DARK AVENGER
AW CRAP...